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1. COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM KOUKHAR GOSSTANDART TO AMBLER, ACTING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, READS: "OUR INVITATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY SOVIET STATE SYSTEM STANDARDIZATION 1 TO 5 OCTOBER MOSCOW REFERS TO CHIEF OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS USA. GLAD SEE YOU IN MOSCOW."

2. DR. AMBLER HAS ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION FROM GOSSTANDART TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A STATE STANDARDIZATION SYSTEM IN THE USSR TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW OCTOBER 1-5, 1975. AMBLER ALSO PLANS PRIVATE TALKS WITH GOSSTANDART OFFICIALS REGARDING EXPANSION NBS-GOSSTANDART COOPERATION IN METROLOGY PARTICULARLY IN RESEARCH ASPECTS, PROVIDED TECHNICAL BENEFIT TO NBS CAN BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.

3. AMBLER ALSO WISHES TO HOLD TALKS WITH ACADEMICIAN KOTELNIKOV OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO
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EXPLORE FURTHER THE PROPOSAL MADE LAST YEAR BY FORMER PRESIDENT KELDYSH THAT A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NBS AND THE SOVIET

CADEMY BE ESTABLISHED. ON MAY 12, 1975, FORMER NBS DIRECTOR RICHARD

ROBERTS WROTE TO KELDYSH ENDORING SUCH ACITIVITY AS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT IN CERTAIN AREAS AND SIGGESTING A MORE DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF DR. ROBERTS, AMBLER WROTE TO ACTING PRESIDENT KOTELNIKOV TO CONFIRM THAT NBS WAS STILL INTERESTED IN HOLDING TALKS ON THIS MATTER. THE SOVIET ACADMEY HAS NOT RESPONDED TO EITHER OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS.

4. AMBLER THEREFORE WISHES TO RAISE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH CERTAIN INSTITUTES OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY.

5. NBS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING INQUIRIES AT ACADEMY AT SUITABLE LEVEL TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN DISCUSSION DURING AMBLER VISIT OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AS PROPOSED IN ABOVE MENTIONED EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE. THE MOST CONVENIENT DATES FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE EARLY IN WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, PROVIDED KOTELNIKOV AND OTHER ACADEMY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WOULD HAVE TIME DESPITE THE CONCURRENT CELEBRATION OF THE ACADEMY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY. IF NOT, SEPTEMBER 29-30 IS SECOND POSSIBILITY. IN VIEW OF LIMTIED TIME REMAINING, NBS WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RESPONSE.
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